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October 6, 1981

Dear Senator Weicker:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 23, 1981 concerning questions on Spandau Prison posed by your constituent [redacted] of West Hartford.

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The costs of the upkeep and maintenance of Spandau Prison are provided entirely by the Federal Republic of Germany under arrangements resulting from the Allied Occupation of Berlin since the end of the Second World War.

Sincerely,

Richard Fairbanks
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

The Honorable
Lowell Weicker, Jr.,
United States Senator.

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Spandau has more guards per convict than any other prison in world.

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They wear blue-gray uniforms and overseas caps, and living quarters are at their disposal.

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Spandaus not only meeting place of two contrasting, conflicting political systems. Its also meeting place of earths two most contrasting penal systems.

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Regimen is rigid, but theres no intentional cruelty, no torture, no deliberate

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beating down of body and soul.

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In spite of precautions, its been impossible keep prisoners unaware of growing crisis in world outside. As early as 1948 they could get inkling of it simply by looking up into sky and counting airlift planes zooming over Spandau to land at nearby Gatow airport.

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